FOR THE WOMAN AND THE HOME-PRIZES OFFERED FOR ORIGINAL SUGGESTIONS



WOMAN ELLEN ADAIR



How She Makes Herself Unpopular

do they fill their own small corner, but they overflow into the small corners of everybody else.

The assertive woman is always managing. always "bossy." She always must be the centre of attraction, the cynosure of all eyes, or she becomes genuinely unhappy. She imagines that she is born to be a pioneer of her sex, a leader of women, and men, too.

Men seldom like the assertive woman. She usurps too much of what men think in their natural prerogative. Men like to lead in conversation when women are around. They dislike having the law laid down for them, and the assertive woman always does lay down the

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This type of woman does not realize when she is being actively disliked. For her assertiveness has become an armor around her, and she imagines that she is such an authority on every the that we had a second to be a such an authority on glad. subject that people are only too glad to listen to her words of wisdom and to be duly instructed by her. When her hearers show signs of boredom, she fails to see it, or if it becomes so evident that it cannot possibly be hid, she passes it over in an airy way or with a pitying

Yes, the assertive woman is decidedly leased with herself. She is born that I have in mind one exceedingly asreally cannot help admiring her for her that no other impertinence. She has very little to her company.

SUFFRAGISTS RALLY

TO AID OF WOMEN'S

Prominent Philadelphians to

on voted on favorably by the Legis lature.

While their sisters are engaged in Dela-

branches of suffrage organizations throughout the city and in nearby town-

waked up with a very queer feeling all

Bursiy you remember him? The cun-

ning little sparrow who chirps and fights

and plays around folks' back door all

Usually Chirpy waked up cold or hungry or out of fix some way-he was ward to that but this was different. This

"I wonder what can be the matter

with me," said Chirpy to himself in a

persuad votes. "I don't seem to feel like going to work. I don't seem to feel any-

thing but cold. I wonder what in the

Thur, all of a sudden be remembered. hade't had a thing to eat for two Not a single thing! Two whole No wonder he falt queer! He

see, for two days there had been

storm, oh, such a storm of snow et. Every bit of food that Chirpy have found was all covered up anow, and then besides, it was it and stormy to stand around int for scraps. Chirpy had pre-to hide his hungry little self in a man place and wait till the storm

he pulled his head out from under

storm was finally over. There wind, no flurry of snow and thing but the bitter cold-and

of white spow is very beauti-think so! But Chirpy didn't

the long cold winter through!

world can have happened!"

Who is Chirpy?

was really queer.

Many women fondly imagine that to be assertive is a sure sign of strength of mind. "You in your small corner and I in mine," is a gentle exhortation which fills them with amazement. For not only avoid giving some semblance of attention to be a corner of a strength of the corner of

avoid giving some semblance of attention to her.

She is far from popular, yet no one would be more amazed than herself to realize this fact. And she never will realize it, that is one thing sure and certain. For she is hedged around by a pleased complacency with herself, her supposed culture and what she fondly imagines is her well-informed mind. It must be delightful to be so thoroughly well pleased with oneself and all the world. No feeling can quite compare with it. But it is decidedly annoying to the lady's friends.

the lady's friends. The assertive woman is strong on one point—and that is, Contradiction. She does not hesitate to contradict right and left. Good manners do not restrain her. For self-amertiveness does not breed good manners in anyone. It is the sure step-

manners in anyone. It is the sure step-ping-stone to rudeness.

I recollect being once invited to meet a celebrity. The celebrity was a delightful person, brilliantly clever, thoroughly entertaining and a great centre of public attention at the time. But the whole party was spoiled by one assertive woman. She monopolized all the con-versation and great the celebrity little versation, and gave the celebrity little chance to talk at all. Everybody was so mad about it that they were speechless

man about it that they were speciniess—and that 's a pretty advanced stage of madness for a woman.

But the assertive woman didn't care, not she. "What a delightful party it was, wasn't it?" she said to me cheerfully as

wasn't it?" she said to me cheerfully as we left.

Yes, the assertive woman is always pleased with herself. It is part of her role. She has to be thoroughly well pleased with herself, for it is a true fact that no other woman takes pleasure in her company.

the Evening Ledger PRIZES OFFERED DAILY **CAUSE IN DELAWARE**

For the following suggestions sent in by readers of the Evening Laisers prizes of \$1 and 50 cents are awarded.

All suggestions should be addressed to Ellen Adair, Editor of Women's Page, Evening Lapuns, Independence Square, Failadelphia.

A prize of \$1 has been awarded to Effi Palge-Loomis, Newtown Square, Pa., for the following suggestion: Lettuce, beets, celery and fruit will keep

Take Part in Campaign to fresh and crisp in the warm kitchen dur-Win Votes for Resolution ing the winter if kept in cold water. The lettuce, beets and celery need only to Before Dover Legislature. have the roots under water, but fruit, such as grapes or apples, must be well covered. The water should be changed daily or it will become stagnant and, of Rrominent Philadelphia suffragiets will course, spoil your food.

A prize of \$1 has been awarded to Lillian McDermott, c. c. Railway Age Gazette, Wool-worth Building, New York city, for the fol-lowing auggestion:

If one has no special manner of disposing of old magazines, why not turn them into practical value? Pile them up in a corner of your storeroom until you get a fairly good-sized collection. Then send word to a paper dealer in your neighbor-hood to come and collect them. He will weigh them and compensate you at the rate of about 40 cents per 100 pounds.

Brominent Philadelphia suffragiets will leave the city in a few days to go to Delaware, where they will aid in a Statewide campaign to solicit support to the equal suffrage cause in that State. Much "literature" has already been sent by the various "votes for women" societies in the city to their sister societies in the city to their sister societies in Delaware in order to aid them in their campaign. Among those who will go from here are Mrs. William A. Wood, 125 East Durham street, Mt. Airy, and Miss Dille Hastings, president of the Philadelphia Business Men's and Women's League for Woman Suffrage.

Delaware is the only State in the Union where a constitutional amendment does not have to be submitted to the electorate for confirmation. If passed by two successive Legislatures it becomes law without further submission. For this reason suffragists in Delaware and those elsewhere, who are interested in the welfare of the "cause" in that State, are rallying for a determined fight to have the A prize of 50 cents has been awarded to Mrs. J. Kelly, 2319 South Croskey street, Philadelphia, for the following suggestion: When making starch if a teaspoonful of salt be added it will give a nice gloss to the clothes. of the "cause" in that State, are rally-

ARCHITECT SCHOOL TO MOVE Will Occupy Quarters Vacated by

While their sisters are engaged in Defaware, suffragists in this city are busying themselves in conducting an organizing campaign, as well as one to gain converts to the "cause." In keeping with these plans, Mrs. Scott Nearing, wife of Professor Nearing, of the University of Pennsylvania, will address a gathering of women today at Ridley Park. She will speak at the Civic Club. On Wedpesday at 3 o'clock the Rev. Irving S. Chenoweth, a suffrage sympathizer, will address a meeting of the Pastor's Aid Boelsty at the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Sch street and Baltimore avenue. Mrs. J. B. Kimball, president of the society, will preside. On Friday Miss Adela Potter will speak at the Narberth Y. M. C. A. She expects to organize and as soon as the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania completes its labor of moving from its present home streets, the Architectural School will move in. The architectural School is in its field, has long been clock the spring term. Plans for extensive alterations have already been made, and as soon as they are passed by the Dental Department.

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s to organize and as soon as they are passed by the organizations Board of Trustees, to which they will nearby townshortly be submitted, the work of alteration will begin. C. A. She expects to organize

the problem!
Then he remembered the children who

'Maybe if I go close up to the window,'

he said to himself, "they will hear me or see me and give me something to

He was standing bravely, right on the stone window still.

He hopped and flow over toward the

window as fast as his cold-stiffened lit-tie isas would take him. But not a sign of any one did he see.
"Maybe I better set closer," he thought so closer he went, and closer, till he was standing bravely, right on the stone window still.

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HILDREN'S CORNER

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Chirpy's Breakfast

On A freezing cold morning of a have something to eat pretty quickly, but where should he get it? That was

Around the Clubs

A reception will be held previous to the stated meeting of the New Century Club, at a quarter before three tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Samuel Semple will be aided in receiving by Mrs. Louis Madeira, Mrs. Martin P. Falconer, Mrs. Robert P. Brown, Mrs. William Leverett, Mrs. James M. Arrison and Mrs. B. K. Jamiion, Jr. Mrs. Semple will speak on "What the State Federation Is Proposing to Do in the Matter of Constructive Peace." Mrs. Maude Ballington Booth has been secured by the legislative section to speak on her experiences in prison reform work, at the club luncheon, which take place on Saturday, February 13. Dr. Hastings Hart, of the Russell Sage Foundation, will speak on "Some Results of Our Study of the House of Correction." Dr. Louis Robinson, of Bryn Mawr College, will speak on "Prison Labor in Pennsylvania." Doctor Robinson is secretary of the commission appointed by ex-Governor Tener to investigate prison con-ditions in the State. Today, at 3, the regular weekly meet-

ing of the Saturday Club of Wayne will be held. The chairman of this affair, Mrs. Humbert Barton Powell, has arranged a musical program for this occasion. One of the well-known soloists will be Mrs. Edna Apel Robinson, Delaware State chairman of music.

The next general meeting of the Botanical Society of Pennsylvania will be held on Saturday afternoon, at 3:30, in

Botanical Hall.

The meeting of the Woman's Club of Cynwyd tomorrow afternoon will be de-voted to the discussion of educational topics. This will be held under the auspices of the Current Events section Mrs. Walter A. Fox will speak on "Rec-reation," and Mrs. George T. Merrill will speak on "Co-Education." Miss Theodora Butcher will talk on "Vocational The Women's Democratic Club will mee

this evening at 1503 Walnut street. Dr. W. H. Hoskins will make an address on the "Purchase of Alaska," and a business meeting will be held on February 16. The Current Events Class of the New Century Club, of West Chester, will dis-cuss "Art, Its Value in Cartoons and Illustrations," at the regular meeting today at 3 o'clock.

A reception has been arranged for this afternoon at 3 o'clock by the New Century Club of Chester. This is for the Suggestions From Readers of the expected visit of the president of the State Federation, Mrs. Semple. Mrs. Garnett Pendleton will preside over the

carrett Pendleton will preside over the tea table.

Plans are still progressing for the bazaar which will be given by the members of the Equal Suffrage party on February 25 and 25. The ultimate object of this affair is to raise funds to campaign for the suffrage cause in the effort to influence the Pennsylvania Legislature for and against the constitutional amend. for and against the constitutional amend-ment giving the ballot to women. This must pass in the Legislature before it an be submitted to the people for re lection or acceptance in the November election

Mrs. Horace Brock, as president of the Society Opposed to Woman Suffrage, has just issued a long statement calling upon the Legislators to carefully study sentiment in their district before voting submit the suffrage amendment to the The members of the Civic Club will

meet on Thursday morning, at 11, to dis-cuss the possibilities of extending good citizenship. The committee on pure food will meet this morning at 11, and the committee on rapid transit at 3. The Emerson Club will discuss the

"Ethical Purpose in Modern Drama" at the meeting which will be held at 1300 Spruce street, this afternoon. Mrs. Philip Gukes will be the speaker.





A Pretty Costume

particularly attractive.

as I'm still a novice.

We spent the morning golfing, as do

plays a splendid game. Of course I was

beaten altogether, but I didn't mind that

motored down to bring her back to town

He suggested that she and I and some

others in the hotel take a short ride round

the neighborhood before he and Dors and

So we all crowded into his car. But we

didn't know what was in stors for un

for it transpired that he was ignorant

of the very first rules of driving. I have

often heard that love will cause men to

do strange things, and so it was in this

case. For the pursuit of Dora had im-

pelled him to take the steering wheel be-

tween his inefficient hands, and risk all

our lives (including Dora's) on that wile

It ended by our being upset in the ditchi

Yes, indeed it did! And none of us were

hurt, that was the odd thing about it.

astonishing swiftness it landed in a

muddy, marshy swamp, and we were

gently turned out into the mud. We did

look dreadful all covered with mud. But

Dore was rejoicing. "Isn't it lucky that

Jim insisted that I wear his coat," she

was murmuring, "and so my beautiful

new suit is saved!" Yes, Dora is a

Dora's mother started for the city.

In the afternoon, one of Dera's ade

I have just seen such a pretty costume. | was black fox. Certainly Dora locket The girl who wore it was a friend of mine who came down here to spend a day with me. She always dresses beautifully, and has exquisite tasts. How she manages on her tiny allowance I really do not know, but she contrives to look better dressed than almost anybody

The secret of good dressing does not lie in the amount of money spent, but in the good taste of the wearer. And Dera really has perfect taste. She is so popular, too, and always has a string of masculine admirers. However, she declares she intends to live and die an old maid. Be that as it may, she is having a pretty good time just now. We have been friends for ten years. That is quite a while, isn't it?

Dora's dress was very attractive, and of course in the latest style. It was very plain, but with splendid lines. The coat ride. was short and cut very straight, hanging something after the order of a middy blouse, and running down to a point at the bottom of each side. These points For when the car left the road with finished with a cord and tassel, and an edging of fur went around the bottom of the little coat.

The skirt was short and very full, cut in tunic style. The bottom of the tunic was edged with fur, and the whole effect

I have omitted to mention the color of the suit. It was of that lovely shade called battleship gray, and the fur edging

Acceptance.

was adopted by the second year medical

men only after Provost Smith and the

Medical Faculty has specially requested

The first part of the honor system agreement was accepted, providing that no per-

son shall give or receive aid in examina-tions, and that any one seeing such action shall report the offender to the Class

but this was finally approved. A proposi-tion submitted that cheaters also be he-ported to the Faculty was defeated.

The Amateur Milliner.

The home milliner generally makes the mistake of using too many stitches in

idea of blackmail had gone out of Er-CLASS ADOPTS HONOR SYSTEM leigh's mind. And, curiously enough, a Second Year Medical Men Vote Their had never returned. Perhaps he had too much else to think of in those latter

genuine optimist.

too much else to think of in those latter days.

"I'm afraid," he said when he had in his pipe, "that I have not got a thousand pounds to lend you."

Vertigan laughed. "You have married a very rich woman," he said. "Besides I have no doubt you have saved a bif. You have had a good salary for some years." The honor system has been adopted by another class at the University of Pennsylvania, the second year medical class accepting it with certain modifications for the midyean examinations now under way. The honor system has not met with unqualified success at Pennsylvania and

years. John Erleigh's lips tightened. He knew well enough from what he had read in the newspapers that in cases of blackmall the first step is the fatal one. It a man once gives in to a scoundrel of the sort the rescent to ruin is swift and sure Payment after payment has to be made, and nothing short of exposure in a court of law can put an end to the cruel arrice of the blackmaller.

"I will not pay-lend you the money," he said.

Honor Committee, which will try the of-fender. There was some objection to the clause providing that cheaters be reported, Vertigan shrugged his shoulders, "Very well," he said. "Then I am afraid I must go to her ladyship. She will doubtless think a thousand pounds a very small sum to save her husband from going to

"You can do nothing—after all these years. And you forget that you are not standing on very firm ground yourself. If you strike too hard you may overbalance and fall,"
"I am willing to risk it."

sawing on flowers or feathers. "Few but strong." is the rule. "Blackmailers get it pretty hot now-adays-and then there is the other matter. If you ruin me, my sister will come

forward and tell the police all she knows Vertigan laughed cheerily. "She may,"

bringing you to justice. Well, I'm not going to argue out all these niceties. Are I have to go and ask, your wife for it? John Erleigh stared out seawards. Even the sunburn on his skin could not hids the pallor of his face. The man had the pallor of his face. The man had found the weak spot in his armor and knew where to strike. A public exposure would mean the punishment of the blackmaller. But if Vertigan merely told Lady Wimberley there would be no public exposure. The money would be paid. The school would not suffer. But his wife would never forgive him. She would even know that he had only admitted Vertigan to the school in order to save his own resultation.

his own reputation.
"Come, look sharp," said the science
master. "Unless I am very much mismaster. "Unless I am very much mis-taken that's her ladyship coming down the path through the trees."

John Erieigh looked up the hill and saw

his wife. She waved her hand to him.
"Very well," he said hoarsely, "I'll try
to find the money. Of course, I haven't
got it in the bank. I must sell out some stock. That'll mean you can't have it for at least a fortnight." "Well, I'll go on with my walking tour

and look back here in a fortnightt's "Yes-now you'd better go. My wife

more cheerful if I were you." (Continued Tomorrow.)

AN ATTRACTIVE SUIT FOR STREET WEAR

JOHN ERLEIGH, SCHOOLMASTER A Gripping Story of Love, Mystery and Kidnapping By CLAVER MORRIS

Guy Wimberley, son of Anne, the Marchinoness of Wimberley, and heir to the vast Wimberley estates, is in danger of death from two groups of conspirators. One group is led by an another of conspirators, the first property of conspirators, and that he would ask Joan to marry him, and that he would ask her before 24 that he would ask her before 24 that he would ask her before 24 in a studying. The other group is led by a loctor Anderson, also of the school, John Erieigh, head of Harptree School, where Guy is establing. The other group is led by a loctor Anderson, also of the school, John Erieigh, head of Harptree School, beingged to Anne Wimberley. His sister, Mrs. Trayona his eyes to the truth. He knew now that he loved her, and that life would be a very poor thing for him if he could not marry the woman he loved. Series and betawaging the boy, but his vigilatore is ineffective, burdley several unspectage of his whereabouts. She is withdrawing from the plot, because her son James in love with Guy's sister, Joan Wimberley, and the particles of his whereabouts. She is withdrawing from the plot, because her son James in love with Guy's sister, Joan Wimberley and Dick Marley, Joan Wimberley, and she suit and the would ask Joan to marry the woman the love of the coast of the work and that he would ask her before 24 that he would ask there for new and the would ask her before 24 the there on very little mone, but on live here on very little mone, but on each of the coast of the coast of the solid. "I'r you cailed it living," he said with the here on very little mone, but on the had passed. The coming of this a smile. "No, Anne dear, one can be happy with very little mone, but had passed. The coming of this a smile. "No, Anne dear, one can be happy with very little mone, but had passed. The coming of this day with very little mone,

A year passes. John Erleigh has been compelled by Lord Arthur to break his engagement to Anne Wimberley. Lord Arthur succeeds to the estates. Joan is still in love with James Travers.

James has composed a great opera.

Erleigh after making sure that his past will not be divelosed, prevails on Anne Wimberley to marry him. They go on their honey-

CHAPTER XXVII-(Continued)

TE SPOKE hurriedly and flercely, as H though carried away by the torrent of his emotions. She shrank a little away from him. She moved among people who rarely displayed their feelings, even when they were very much in earnest. He noticed the movement, and a hard look

came into his eyes.
"You despise me," he said, "because I've no control over myself. Your mother despised me—that day she came and found us in the library at Monksilver. She treated me as a silly boy. That made a man of me. You had better not seep your friend waiting, Joan. He will

e getting impatient, and I'm sure your nother would not like you to offend "Jim, dear," she said piteously, "It is cruel of you to talk like this. I have told you I love you, and that one day—I will marry you.

Joan-in three weeks' time-I will get the license—you shall come and stay with my mother."
"No. dear," she said gently, "we must wait."

He put his arm around her and pleaded with her-new flercely and passionately, now quietly and using every possible argument he could put into words. But the girl would not be moved from her purpose. Though she did not know it, John Erleigh had bleaded with John Erieigh had ploaded with her mother in just such a way as this, and her mother had yielded herself to the man

At last the passionate words ceased. James Travers, very pale and with a hard look in his eyes, walked towards the "I am going," he said; "it is waste of

time for me to stay here—and I am wasting your time as well, Joan. I hope you'll enjoy yourself at Syston." "Jim, dear," she said repreachfully, "we must not part-like this. You are

"No," he said sharply; "only anny with myself for being such a fool. I have made a mistake. I ought never to have come to you-either now or that day we met by the lake. I shall not make the mistaka again.'

mistaka again."

He opened the door and passed out. Joan was about to follow him, but she caught sight of the Duke of Helchester in the hall. Then she heard a door bang. "The car's ready, Joan." said the duke, coming across the hall to meet has. "Shall we make a start?"

"Yes—in cos minute." she answered with a smile. Hhe made her way slowly upstairs. The duke frowned.

"Bo that is how the land her," he said.

ticularly fancied Joan as a daughter-inlaw, but she has an idea that her son has only to lift up his finger and any woman ought to throw herself at his feet. She writen rather sharply." Erleigh laughed, but a queer look came

into his eyes as he saw the expression on his wife's face "You wished Joan to marry him?" he

Yes, Jack-honestly I did. He's a thor-"Yes, Jack-honestly I did. He's a thoroughly good sort and very fond of her."
"But if Joan does not care for him, if she is in love with some one else, surely, dear, you do not wish her to marry the man under those circumstances?"

"I do not, Jack: But I had hoped she would get to like him. I'm afraid she is bent on marrying young Travers."

"Well, why not let them marry?"

"No-no-it's impossible. I would never give my consent. Jack, dear, you must see that it's impossible."

see that it's impossible."

He did not pursue the subject. From his wife's point of view—and it was one that most people would have adopted that most people would have adopted— such a marriage was very undesirable. But he sighed as he thought of his own happiness. He wanted Joan and his nephew to be just as happy in their love. "Is Joan staying on there?" he asked. "No—she has gone on to the Wimpoles. She wished to leave, and the duchess thought that perhaps it would be better if she did."

'Odd Joan haan't written herself."

"Odd Joan hasn't written herself."
"I expect we shall hear from her tomorrow," she said gently.

A few minutes later they made their
way out on the terraces that ran down
from the house to the very edge of a great
cliff. Many splendid houses had been
placed at their disposal for the honeymoon, but they had refused them all and
had taken this small place on the coast
of Devonshire. It was little more than a
cottage, the front of it covered with roses,
the garden a blaze of flowers, and the
view one of the most beautiful in England. It was here, far away from the
bustle of the world, that they had chosen
to spend the first brief giorious weeks of
their married life.

They seated themselves on a low stone
wall that was almost the very edge of

wall that was almost the very edge of the cliff. Two hundred feet below them the cliff. Two hundred feet below them the sea lay calm and deep and clear. On either side there was the wide curve of a bay. Half a mile to the left of them there was a break in the great wall of rock and a wooded slope descended gently to a beach of fine white and. There was no wind and not a cloud in the sky. Nothing moved but the wings of a few sengulis that poised themselves in midair. There was no sound but the walling cries of the birds and the distant murmur of a calm sea spisishing against the rocks below.

"If it could always be like this," whispered the woman, as she laid her hand

"If it could always no like this." whis-pered the woman, as she hald her hand upon her husband's arm. "I do not think. Jack. I ever quite understood how it is possible to be happy with very little

come, we have planty," he Vertigan. "Hello, Mr. Evietgh," and the science

"Not everything else, Anne."
She laughed. "Oh, yes, it does," she said. "Well, that is as it should be."
A shadow came into his eyes. He could not forget that he had been willing to sacrifice everything for the good of the affood, his barriages. school-his happiness, her own, every-thing, so long as the school was saved from a scandal that might have ruined Then he smiled, as she placed her hand in his. "You must write to Joan. Poor little Joan, I-I wish we could make her

happy. "If I thought, Jack, that marriage to young Travers would really make her happy, I'd give my consent. But when she learned who he was, and that your sister—oh, it would break her heart. She knows so little of the world—it would be terrible if she keew the truth about young Travers, and-about your sister. "Need she be told?"

"Tes, she would have to be told."
"Then why not tell her, and let her decide for herself?" "No, Jack, I-could not she would te me--"
'Why?" he interrupted flercely.

"Because she would think-Jack, dear, she was very fond of her brother, and she is too young to understand-no, dear, I cannot tell her."

His face grew very white. Then he smiled. "Perhaps you are right," he said. "Yet I do not think it would do Joan any harm to know that her mother was a brave and generous woman. Now I must go in and write some letters, dear. And I dare say you'll be busy for a little while."

"Yes, Jack—I've the housekeeping to

see to and a few letters to write, and then, dear, shall we go down to our tents in the bay and have a batha before lunch?"
"Yes. Anne-that'll be capital."

They returned to the house, and John Ericigh had finished his letters by 10 "I'm ready," he said, when he had found his wife seated at the writing table

in her bedroom.
"Oh, Jack, dear—I've only just started—there's been such a lot to see to this

morning."
"Shall I go on down?" he queried.
"There was a bit of wind last night and the tent may be on the ground. I'll get everything ready."
"Yes, dear. I'll follow in about half

an hour."

He kinsed her tenderly. Then he filled and lit his pipe and set off along the top of the cliff to the village, which lay a little bit inland. Here he posted his letters, bought some matchts and a few sticks of chocolate, and walked down the wooded slope that led from the village to the shore.

When he had gone half way down the hill he heard quick footsteps behind him

When he had gone half way down the hill he heard quick footsteps behind him and, looking back, saw a small man in a gray flannel sult and a wide-brimmed fait hat hurrying along the path. Something in the man's appearance arrested his attention and he waited for him to come hearer. Then he saw that it was

he said, "but, on the other hand, when she knows that the man you killed was her lover she may be grateful to me for

vertigan laughed. "I was thinking," he said slowly, "of asking you to lend me a thousand pounds."

Jorn Erieigh looked Vertigan steadily in the face for a few seconds.

"I see," he said at last. "It was stupid of me not to understand. I thought you'd run short of cash on your walking tour."

He walked past the

of me not to understance walking tour."
He walked past the tent on to the smooth fine sand. Vertigan walked by his side. A minute clapsed before either of them spoke. Then Vertigan said:
"A loan, mind you—just a loan."
John Erleigh turned on him savagely. "Let us use plain language," he said, "and call it blackmail."
"No. my friend—we will call it a loan,

"and call it blackmail."
"No, my friend—we will call it a loan, and you'd better not use that ugly word again, or I may lose my temper and make an end of you—married life, school, means of livelihood—everything."
John Erleigh began to refli his pipe. When Vertigan had first appeared at Harntree it had occurred to Erleigh that scooner or later the science master might Harntree it had occurred to Erieigh that sconer or later the science master might try to turn his knowledge of the past into money. But when it was almost certain that Vertigan had come to the school in order to assist Dick Meriet in abducting young Lord Wimberley, the

will not be very pleased to see you."
"Nonsense. If I went off I should excite her suspicions. I've only just come across you by accident. We needn't make a mystery about it. And I'd look a hit

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